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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS HAVING AN INSULATING LAYER OF
VARYING HEIGHT THEREIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the
following amendments and remarks.

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--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional application of application Serial No. 09/580,624 which has
been allowed, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/959,667, now U.S. Patent No.
6,097,091, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice.